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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda for the first pre-sessional executive session of the Board was approved by the Consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 17 July 1992.

Item 2 Policy issues arising in the context of selected items of the provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-ninth session of the Board

Item 2 (a) Follow-up to the recommendations adopted by the Conference at its eighth session (item 2 of the above-mentioned provisional agenda)

In preparation for the Board's consideration of this item at the first part of its thirty-ninth session, the pre-sessional executive session may wish to review the progress in the arrangements made for the new bodies as constituted in the Cartagena Commitment.

In this connection it will be recalled that, by its decision 398 (XXXVIII), of 7 May 1992, the Board established terms of reference for the four Standing Committees and the five Ad Hoc Working Groups.

At the informal consultations with members of the Bureau of the Board and regional co-ordinators, on 18 June 1992, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD submitted some preliminary suggestions concerning UNCTAD's intergovernmental organs for the period 1992-1996, as well as suggested elements for a work programme of the Trade and Development Board (1992-1995) and additional topics. On that occasion, it was agreed that the preliminary suggestions were a good basis for drawing up the calendar for the initial meetings of the new bodies and that the proposals relating to the Board could serve as an indicative orientation for the work programme and as a point of departure for the formulation of future agendas of the Board.

Furthermore, the Consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, on 17 July 1992, also agreed that the secretariat issue a standard agenda for the first meeting of each of the new bodies consisting of normal procedural matters, including organizational questions and election of office bearers, and one agenda item covering the "Work Programme" and programme of meetings.

The calendar of the first sessions of these new bodies, drawn up by the Informal Group on Calendar Matters and approved by the Consultations on 17 July, will be reflected in the calendar document submitted to the Board.

Any recommendations which the pre-sessional executive session may wish to make to the Board for its consideration of item 2, will be recorded in an addendum to the annotated provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-ninth regular session.

Documentation

TD/B/39(1)/INF.1 Calendar of UNCTAD meetings

Item 2 (b) Sustainable development including UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of UNCED's conclusions and recommendations (item 5 of the above-mentioned provisional agenda; see also footnote to paragraph 63 (5) of the Cartagena Commitment)

In the footnote to paragraph 63 (5) of the Cartagena Commitment, the Conference stipulated that, "in its first meeting after the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the Trade and Development Board will discuss the impact of its results on UNCTAD's work, and will take the necessary action to ensure the discussion and adoption of the required measures within UNCTAD's intergovernmental machinery". Consequently, the discussions will reflect the institutional follow-up to the Rio Conference.

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD will submit to the pre-sessional executive session a note drawing attention to the implications for UNCTAD of the outcome of the Rio Conference.

Documentation

TD/B/EX(1)/2	UNCTAD's follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development Note by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Item 3 Establishment of an ad hoc working group to explore the issue of structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament (Board decision 398 (XXXVIII) of 7 May 1992, annex, section D)

In its decision 398 (XXXVIII) of 7 May 1992 (annex, section D) the Board "decides to consider at the earliest opportunity the establishment of an ad hoc working group to explore questions related to the issue of structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament and the implications for economic growth and development of reductions of military expenditures, taking into account the specific and individual situation of countries, in line with paragraph 24, 98 and 99 of the Cartagena Commitment".

No documentation

Item 4 Other matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies (item 11 of the above-mentioned provisional agenda)

It will be recalled that, in calling for the policy function of the Board to be strengthened, the Conference, in paragraph 67 of the Cartagena Commitment, called upon its executive sessions, inter alia, to react to reports from the subsidiary bodies, in order to give impetus to ongoing work. In taking note of the outcome of sessions of various subsidiary bodies, the pre-sessional executive session may also wish to make appropriate recommendations on the following reports.

Item 4 (a) Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices on its tenth session (21 - 25 October 1991)

The report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practies on its tenth session will be before the Board. In taking note of the report, the executive session may wish to endorse the agreed conclusions contained in annex I, and to make any appropriate recommendations.

Documentation

TD/B/1310- TD/B/RBP/85	Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices on its tenth session

Item 4 (b) Report of the Working Group on International Shipping Legislation on its thirteenth session (11 - 19 November 1991)

In suspending the existing Committees of the Board, the Conference, at its eighth session, decided that the terms of reference of the Committee on Shipping should be included in those of the new Standing Committee on Services.

The pre-sessional executive session may therefore wish to transmit the report of the Working Group on International Shipping Legislation on its thirteenth session to the Standing Committee on Services for consideration and appropriate action.

Documentation

TD/B/1311- TD/B/C.4/341- TD/B/C.4/ISL/59	Report of the Working Group on International Shipping Legislation on its thirteenth session

Item 4 (c) Report of the Special Committee on Preferences on its nineteenth session (18-22 May 1992)

The report of the Special Committee on Preferences on its nineteenth session will be before the Board. In taking note of the report, the pre-sessional executive session may wish to make any appropriate recommendations.

Documentation

TD/B/39(I)/2- TD/B/C.5/145	Report of the Special Committee on Preferences on its nineteenth session

Item 5 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters (items 12(a), (b) and (c) of the above mentioned provisional agenda)

Item 5 (a) Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections

On 22 May 1992, the General Assembly admitted three new States to the membership in the United Nations:

Republic of Slovenia	(Resolution 46/236)
Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina	(Resolution 46/237)
Republic of Croatia	(Resolution 46/238)

Under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), these States automatically also became members of UNCTAD, thus bringing the membership of UNCTAD to 182.

Also in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) (section II, paragraph 6), the lists of States for purposes of elections, contained in the annex to that resolution, shall be reviewed periodically by the Conference in the light of changes in membership of the Conference, and other factors.

No documentation

Item 5 (b) Membership of the Trade and Development Board

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD has received a communication, dated 6 May 1992. from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, indicating that Armenia wishes to become a member of the Trade and Development Board.

The pre-sessional executive session will be invited to take appropriate action.

Item 5 (c) Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1993

The Working Party consists of 19 members, whose term of office is one year (Board decision 236 (XXIII)). The geographical distribution of posts is as follows:

Lists A and C combined		9
Africa	3	
Asia	3	
Latin America	3	
List B		6
List D		3
China		1

At its pre-sessional executive session, the Board will be required to establish the membership for 1993.

No documentation

Item 6 Nomination of officers for the Bureau of the thirty-ninth session of the Board

In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the Board, the Bureau of the Board shall consist of 12 members, including 4 members from List A (Africa/Asia), 4 members from List B, 2 members from List C and 2 members from List D, referred to in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), as amended.

At its resumed 805th plenary meeting, on 7 May 1992, the Board designated H.E. Mr. Gündüz Aktan (Turkey) as President of the Board at its thirty-ninth session.

In accordance with the cycle for the rotation of the office of Rapporteur, the Rapporteur of the thirty-ninth session shall be a representative of one of the States members of List A (Asia).

The pre-sessional executive session will be called upon to nominate the 10 Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur for the thirty-ninth session in accordance with rules and 18 and 19 of the rules of procedure of the Board.

In connection with this item, it will be recalled that the Consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, on 17 July 1992, approved the proposals for the organization of work of the first part of the thirty-ninth session of the Board (TD/B/39(1)/1/Add.1). These proposals included the establishment of

- Sessional Committee I to take up items 4 and 6;
- Sessional Committee II to take up items 8 and 9;

with Sessional Committee II converting itself into a Special Sessional Committee for the consideration of item 7 on LDCs.

The pre-sessional executive session may wish to nominate a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur for each of the Sessional Committees, it being understood that Sessional Committee II and the Special Sessional Committee on item 7 would have the same office bearers.

Item 7 Other business

Item 8 Report of the Board on its first pre-sessional executive session

The Board may wish to authorize the Rapporteur, in consultation with the President, to prepare the report on its first (pre-sessional) executive session. The report should reflect the action taken by the executive session on those items of the provisional agenda of the first part of the thirty-ninth session of the Board which were referred to the executive session. Upon request, a statement of position on a given item may also be included in the report.